



## Testimony to the Appropriations Committee

February 14, 2014

Regarding the Needed Investment in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders

HB 5030, An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

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The Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers, an organization of adult day centers from across the state of Connecticut, respectfully submits the following testimony in support of increasing the reimbursement rates within the Connecticut Home Care Program.

CAADC joins our colleagues in urging your support of increasing the provider rates within the Connecticut Home Care Program. While we understand the challenge the Connecticut Legislature faces to fairly fund so many vital services and programs, we firmly believe adult day centers and other community based services funded by this programs save Connecticut significant long-term care dollars by meeting the growing needs of Connecticut's elderly and their caregivers in the community and preventing unnecessary and premature placements in skilled nursing facilities. The full day of services provided by adult day centers, including door to door transportation, cannot be sustained on the current rate of \$70.22 a day.

### Adult Day Center Services provided through the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders

<b>Adult Day Center Services are a <i>full day of care</i></b>
<b>Activities, Companionship, Socialization &amp; Supervision</b>
<b>Medication Administration</b> by licensed Nurses
<b>Nutritious Meals</b> including Breakfast, Hot Lunch, Snacks, and continuous encouragement of liquids
<b>Bathing/Showers</b> are available and personal care is provided
<b>Caregiver Support</b> , Information, and Education are readily available
<b>Escorted Transportation, door to door</b> , is provided to and from the Center
<b>Assistance</b> in Coordinating and Planning client's long term care needs is available
<b>Opportunities</b> for daily face to face individual consultations, information and referral, support and assistance
<b>Currently reimbursed \$70.22 per day</b>

View our video about how wonderful a day can be at a certified adult day center.

Go to [www.leadingagect.org](http://www.leadingagect.org) and click on **Adult Day Centers**

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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